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THE REPLY FILED 06 October 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.							
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because: (a) \times they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below); (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below); (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: __ 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: _____ Claim(s) objected to: _____. Claim(s) rejected: 1-21. Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____. 8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner. 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 10. Other: See Continuation Sheet

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Continuation of 10. Other: In view of Examiners response of last office action, claim 1 is amended which requires further search and consideration. With respect to currently amended claim 8, Atkins reference suggests testing of singulated electronic components are conducted while they are mounted on the mounting. With respect to currently amended claim 8, singulation of singulated electronic component are conducted while they are mounted on the mounting means without removal therefrom requires further search and consideration. With respect to claims 1, 8, 20 and 21applicants argues that method and apparatus involves completely separating the devices before testing and Littlebury does not anticipate this. Examiner disagrees because in claim 1 the components are physically separated before testing which Littlebury discloses in fig. 3, and in claim 8, electronic component are singulated (and not physically separated or completely separated as argued) before testing which Littlebury discloses in fig. 3.